

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
COMMISSION OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 9, 2019

9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- **Roll Call:** Phil Jacobs, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present Bob Jorgensen, Member; Jesse Shea, Member, Ellen Fritz, Member; Skyler Dooley, Member; Darlene McMartin, Administrator; Peggy Becker, Caseworker III; Pam Wilke, Caseworker II; Lori Swisher, Caseworker II; BOS Liaison Scott Belt and Lynn Grobe
- **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:** Numbers for Federal/County Assistance were added
- **Commissioner/BOS Update:** Scott Belt BOS Liaison reported the County is vying with the several other entities for gravel and the roads have really took a beating with the flooding and extra traffic. He also reported that they are working with HGM to get the Departments currently housed in the Services Building into the old Law Enforcement Space
- **Public Comment:** There were approximately 10 people present for the meeting including Tim Johnson from the Daily Non-Pareil. The people that were present were asked by the Commission to provide their names but most were indistinguishable so I was unable to get them down. One gentleman did ask if the Directors position was on the Agenda because he had some things to say in regards to Nick Jedlicka Character. It was explained that the topic was not on the Agenda and was welcomed to make his comments since the floor was open to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approval of the minutes and executive summary for April 2019:** Motion by Skyler Dooley, Member second by Bob Jorgensen, Member, All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay Motion carries
- **Approval of assistance given for April 2019:** Motion by Skyler Dooley, Member second by Bob Jorgensen, Member All in favor 5 Aye 0 Nay Motion carries
- **Budget review 2018-2019:** Should be at 83% we are currently at 73.5% there is some year-end purchasing being processed at this time
- **Federal/County Assistance Report of February 2019:**
 - Office Visits: 368
 - Office Calls: 643
 - Grave Markers: 2 Vietnam mini markers were provided
 - Donations: Our office received a Donation of \$250.00 in Gas/Casey's Cards to be handed out to flood victims that are doing extra traveling because of the elongated routes and relocations
- **Facilities Usage Report:**
 - The building continues to be used by the regulars, VFW and the VA Hospital as well as the County Offices scheduling use of the MPR on a regular basis. We are looking into getting a different shaped conference table for the meeting room.
- **Old Business/unfinished business**
 - **Spring School Of Instruction Des Moines April 15-18:** All Staff and Phil Jacobs, Chairman attended and obtained their Federal Certification Renewal.
 - **Legislative Update:** Nothing passed through
 - **Boy Scout Food Drive:** April 13 Phil Jacobs, Chairman and Darlene McMartin, Administrator volunteered to be here that day for when the Boy Scouts dropped off the food. Jacobs reported that the lobby was completely full with bags and boxes of food. The Pantry is well stocked at this point.
 - **Bench:** The gentleman from Carson came on April 13 and took measurements of were the bench was going to go. The cost of the bench is in the sides not in the length
 - **Resource Fair YMCA (Center) April 15th 3:00-4:00pm:** We received a Thank You from Senator Joni Earnst for participating in the event
 - **IA National Guard Civic Leader Center of Influence:** The responsibilities of an employer towards NG Members and the Guardsmen's employment rights during activation were reviewed
 - April 24 Council Bluffs 11:00 am to 2:00 pm:** 6 Employers attended including Pottawattamie Courthouse Human Resources Director Jana. All got to ride in a Helicopter
 - May 8 Red Oak:** 20 Employers attended but the weather was not good enough clear enough for the Helicopter to fly

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- **Mental Health Conference 4/25-26/2019 IWCC:** Darlene McMartin, Administrator attended
- **ESGR Training May 3rd Camp Dodge IA:** Darlene McMartin, Administrator attended. No County funds were used for this event
- **Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day May 7th, Capitol Grounds Des Moines:** Due to the Inclement weather no one from the office attended the presentation
- **Celebrate CB Parade Saturday May 18:** Our office is not planning on participating independently but if any of the Staff or the Commission wish to walk or piggy back off of another group they can

• **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Honor Flight May 23-24:** Is for Purple Heart and Gold Star families. Darlene McMartin, Administration has been asked to go along as a Guardian. The flight will return May 24 at 9:00pm and will be taken to the Durham Museum for a Welcome Back. There is also an Honor Flight out of Des Moines on May 21st for Boots on Ground Vietnam Veterans
- **Flags for the Fallen May 18:** We are seeking Volunteers to assist on May 17th 1:00 pm rain or shine to assist in placing 660 flags on display to show awareness for the 22 Veteran's a day that commit suicide.
- **Adult/Child Abuse Training:** Everyone in our office is considered a Mandatory Reporter for Adult/Child abuse. The training is done every 5 years online all office staff are required to take the training. We are extending the training to the Commissioners if they would like to participate to please let us know.

CLOSED SESSION AS ALLOWED PER CODE OF IOWA CHAPTER 21.5, 1(A) May ASSISTANCE REQUESTS,

There are no requests for Assistance No Closed Session

OPEN SESSION

Adjourn

Next meeting June 13 @ 9:00 am